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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW -- "TRAINING PROVIDED LDC NATIONALS IN
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT"

REFS: (A) CARACAS 5082 (B) STATE 140877

1. THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REF (A) ARE, IF ANYTHING, IN SHARPER
RELIEF IN SANTIAGO. EXCEPT FOR PAST APPROVALS NOW IN PIPELINE,
AND PL-480 TITLE II, CHILE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE USAID PROGRAM.
WITH U.S. INDICTMENTS DUE TO BE HANDED DOWN REGARDING GOC COMPLICITY
IN THE LETELIER MURDER, THIS IS HARDLY THE MOMENT FOR THE USG
TO APPEAR TO BE PRYING INTO OTHER ASPECTS OF CHILEAN
GOVERNMENTAL PRACTICE. SENSITIVITIES ON THE MATTER OF INTERVENTION
ARE RAW ENOUGH ALREADY. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR
TO BE PROBING LIKELY PROGRAMS FOR RENEWED USG ASSISTANCE,
AWAKENING EXPECTATIONS NOT LIKELY OF FULFILLMENT IN THE FORESEEABLE
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FUTURE. FINE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN A GAO AUDIT PERFORMED FOR THE
USG, AND ONE PERFORMED AT THE BEHEST OF INTOSAI, ITSELF HARDLY
A HOUSEHOLD WORD HERE, ARE UNLIKELY TO MAKE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION
ON CHILEAN PRESS AND PBULIC IN THEIR PRESENT MOOD.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, I AM NOT ABLE TO AGREE TO ANY CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE GAO TEAM AND GOC OFFICIALS. THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION,

OF COURSE, TO CONTACT WITH UNDP OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN SANTIAGO, WHICH WE WOULD OF COURSE FACILITATE.

3. WITH REGARD TO USAID, THERE ARE NO ON-GOING PROGRAMS IN THE FIELDS IDENTIFIED BY GAO. OUR RECORDS SHOW A TOTAL OF 21 PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BETWEEN THE FISCAL YEARS 1956-1966. OF THESE, FIVE WERE LONG-TERM (ONE ACADEMIC YEAR) AND SIXTEEN SHORT-TERM. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF TRAINING PROGRAMS IN AUDIT OR EVALUATIONS. WHILE REFTEL (B) DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THE GAO TAKES AN INTEREST IN THESE PAST PROGRAMS, THIS MISSION WILL BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO TEAM IN DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION IT MIGHT REQUIRE FROM THESE IN-HOUSE SOURCES.
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